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second and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies and introducing and carrying through a number of important bills. He was for twenty years president of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was instrumental in bringing about many improvements in his home town.

REV. WILLIAM ALBERT WISEMAN was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, September 14, 1850; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, August 10, 1911. He was educated in the rural schools of Ohio and the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., from which he graduated in 1871. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in Ohio, later moving to western Iowa, locating at Council Bluffs. After twelve years of itinerary work he moved to Des Moines, and in 1885 organized the Grace Methodist church. He was the author of numerous essays and sermons which were published in pamphlet form.

JOHN W. MURPHY was born in Highland county, Ohio, May 12, 1825; he died at Farrar, Iowa, while absent from his home in Jasper county, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1911. He was a school teacher in the county of his birth until he opened a small store, which he continued for three years. In 1856 he removed to Jasper county, Iowa, and in 1857 to the land he retained thereafter as his home and which he named "Elmwood." He was a warm advocate of better moral standards, and was for twenty-two years the secretary of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, being engaged in the discharge of his secretarial duties when death came.

THOMAS CLELAND DAWSON was born at Hudson, Wisconsin, July 30, 1865; he died at Washington, D. C., May 1, 1912. He received the degree of A. B. after his course at Hanover College, Indiana, in 1883, and A. M. from the same institution in 1898. He attended Harvard College 1884-5, taking the degree of LL. B. He was in attendance at the Cincinnati Law School in 1886, graduating from the latter institution. Mr. Dawson divided his industry between the newspaper and legal fields until he became engaged under the Department of State in the diplomatic field. He published a newspaper at Enterprise, Florida, in 1882-3, came to Des Moines and entered the practice of law in 1886, and in 1889 engaged with the *Des Moines Daily Register* as legislative correspondent, severing his connection with that paper when city editor in 1891. He removed to Council Bluffs and entered the law practice the same year, continuing for six years. He was Assistant Attorney-General of Iowa from 1891 to 1894, under Attorney-General John Y. Stone, and was in charge of the Chicago headquarters of the Republican National Committee in 1900. He was Secretary of the United States Legation to Brazil from 1897 to 1904 under Minister Conger. He was Resident Minister and Consul General of the United States to Santo Domingo 1904-1907, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Pleni-

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